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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith references which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and with respect to which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

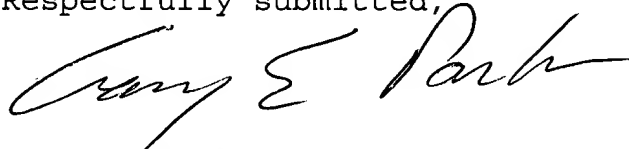
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The references are listed in PTO form 1449 which is in accordance with the requirements of M.P.E.P. 609. Reference A2 is in the Japanese language. A copy of an English language abstract is attached to the reference.

Applicants believe that their invention as claimed is patentable over the references. It is respectfully requested that these references be considered by the Patent and Trademark

Office in its examination of the above-identified application and be made of record therein. The Examiner is also invited to contact the Undersigned if there are any questions concerning this paper or the attached references.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary E. Parker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and registration number.

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